

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: **Dispenser, Dispenser Array,  
Manufacturing Method for  
Dispenser, Inspection Device,  
Inspection Method and Biochip**

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**Reply to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 3, 2006, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-16 and 25-36. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

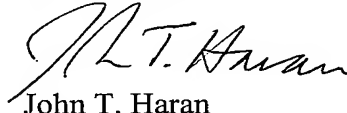
This election is made without traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees

required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.  
19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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